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#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

.The Akhbar-i- Am (Lahore) of the 10th January states that Circulation, The Civil Service Exa- in 1833 the Home Government declamination. red through the East India Company that no native was disqualified to hold any post in the public service by reason of his race or religion, provided he was intellectually qualified to hold it. No measures were taken to give effect to this promise or law during the next twenty years. In 1853 the conscience of the English nation awoke, and the subject was thoroughly discussed by Parliament. It was decided to establish a competitive examination for recruiting the Indian Civil Service, and to throw it open to all classes of Her Majesty's subjecs. But the examination was to be held only at London, and the age of a candidate was not to exceed 21 years. The Government felt that the institution of such an examination would save it from the charge of recognizing distinctions of creed and colour in the distribution of its patronage, and at the same time the restrictions as to the place of examination and the age of candidates would continue to preclude natives from entering the Civil

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Service. Apparently native candidates had many acrong obstacles to contend against. No native could compete for the examination unless he was prepared to undertake a long and costly journey by sea at an early age, and to run the risk of losing his caste. In 1863 a Bengali youth, named Satendra Nath, Thakur, had the moral courage to cross the sea and competed successfully for the examination. Seeing that the restrictions already imposed on the examination were not sufficient to prevent natives from competing for it, the Government at once reduced the maximum number of marks for Sanskrit and Arabic, and some years later also reduced the limit of age for candidates from 21 to 19 years. These changes have no doubt succeeded in securing the Civil Service from the intrusion of natives, but they have had a very evil effect on the administration. Raw, inexperienced, and imperfectly educated youths are now appointed to rule over us. They do not possess the knowledge, patience, and tact which are essential in a ruler. But for their improper proceedings British rule would have been at this day much more popular than it is. are not very desirous of power, but they desire that the Government should appoint able men to manage their affairs: Moreover, arrangements have been made for the admission of some natives every year by nomination. Under these eircumstances, in our opinion, the competitive examination should be abolished, and experienced, well-educated and trustworthy Englishmen should be sent out to conduct the edministration.

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Circulation, 250 copies. The Benares Gazette of the 14th January states that the European members of the Local Self-government Committee, which sat at Naini Tal, are of opinion that the assess-

ment of the license-tax should be entrusted to local boards.

They argue that local boards, possessing local knowledge, can make better assessments than Government officers. The native wall assessments than Government officers. The native members of the Committee admit the validity of the argument.

but say that the members of local boards would not like to mail themselves unpopular by taking this work into their hand The present mode of assessing the license-tax is very objectionable. The tabsildar sends for the headman of a street, and asks him what is the income of each trader in that street. The headman says what he pleases. The tabsildar receives his statements as gospel truths and makes assessments accordingly. The trader files an objection in the Collector's office, and the Collector issues an order to the tahsilder to make a local enquiry. It is needless to say that, without making any enquiry whatever, the tahsilder reports that the objection is unfounded, and then the Collector rejects it., If able, unprejudiced, and impartial men were appointed members of local boards, there is no doubt that the license-tax would be assessed more justly and equitably by such boards. Looking at Cawnpore, where the municipal license-tax is already assessed through headmen, and at places where the management of local affairs is carried on in accordance with the provisions of Act XX., we do not see any reason why the assessment of the license-tax should not be made over to local boards. However, this task may not be entrusted to local boards until the boards get a full insight into the principles of local self-government.

The Bharat Bandhu (Aligarh), of the 12th January, states that the local self-government scheme Local self-government. has been undoubtedly conceived in a very liberal spirit by the Supreme Government, and that Government deserves cordial thanks at the hands of the people But there is reason to think that district officers are for it. not generally favourably disposed towards the scheme. They amits morto are loth to part with any of the rights and privileges they have hitherto possessed. In that case we are afraid the scheme will create ill-feeling between them and the people, and will thus prove a misfortune to the latter. the country is not yet ripe for local self-government. should be observed that natives make

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gardens, and do other things without the aid of European officers. If they can do these things, we do not see any reason why they should be unable to see to the proper repair of roads, the cleanliness of streets, &c. But, of course, they will not be able to do anything unless they are free from the interference of district officers. If the Government means that municipal committees and local boards should not be mere shams, District Magistrates should by no means be made presidents of those bodies. In fact all Government officers should be entirely excluded from them.

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The Reformer (Lahore), of the 15th January, publishes

Orders issued by the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Panjab for the payment of the price of articles supplied to the Lieutenant-Governor's Camp.

an article from a correspondent from the camp of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Panjab. The writer states that the chaprasis and private sertenant-Governor's Camp.

vants of the officers with the camp were accustomed to take all things,

such as milk, butter, eggs, fuel, grass, &c., they required for the use of their masters, from tahsildars and contractors at the encamping-grounds, to take the price of the articles from their masters, but not to pay it to the tahsildars and con-The matter lately came to the notice of Captain Mason, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, and he at once issued orders to district officers to the effect that tahsildars and contractors should give nothing to any man without taking the price, and also ordered Munshi Ghulám Muhi-ud-din, camp clerk, to see that the orders were properly carried out at the camp. The camp clerk sends a horseman, belonging to the Lieutenant-Governor's body-guard. every day to the place where provisions are sold at the camp. and sees that everything is paid for. This arrangement has given satisfaction to all persons at the camp, except, of course, chaprásis, &c. In commenting on the above communication, the editor praises Captain Mason for issuing such orders, but urges that measures should be also adopted to ensure the payment by tabil officials of the full price of

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farticles to the people, who are made to supply them for the use of the camp.

The police of Bin-

dhyáchal, Mirzapur, and the new assessors ap-

pointed at Mirzapur.

A correspondent of the Prayag Samachar (Allahabad), of

the 15th January, writing from Mirzapur, states that he lately went to pay a visit to the Hindu temple at Bindhyá-

chal (Mirzapur.) He was surprised to find Musalmán police constables on guard at the temple. The presence of Musalmán constables is necessarily a source of great inconvenience to the pilgrims. All police officials at the police-station at Bindhyáchal, including the sub-inspector himself, should be all Hindus. The writer also complains that men who are quite unacquainted with the law, and belong to the lower classes of the community, such as malláka (boatmen), &c., have been appointed assessors. Some of them have already had their names removed from the list. The appointment of such assessors is of no use. They only say ditto to what the Judge says.

The English journal of the Anjuman-i-Panjab, Lahore, of The establishment of the 10th January, in an article headed agricultural banks. "Agricultural Banks, No. I," gives an abstract of the Agricultural Loans Bill, briefly notices Sir Steuart Bayley's speech, and promises to notice the Hon'ble Major Baring's speech and to make some suggestions in connection with the subject of agricultural banks in a future issue.

A correspondent of the Delhi Punch (Lahore), of the 10th Mr. Cadell, Collector and January, writing from Mirzapur, asks candidates for employment to go to Mirzapur and annoy Mr. Cadell, Collector, Magistrate, and Settlement Officer, with their importunities until he abuses and beats them, and then they are sure to get posts in his office. One Munshi Hakim-ud-din formerly served in his office as peshkar on Rs. 40 a month, and silently bore his

work the same of the states on the

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Circulation, 250 copies. The Sahas (Allahabad), of the 10th January, makes the The recruitment of the following remarks on the recruitment of the Subordinate executive service in the North-Western Provinces:—

In urging the necessity of the introduction of a system of competitive examination for entrance into and promotion in Government employment, we have placed before our greaders what we believe to be a life-like picture of the condiction of native clerkdom. We do not know whether such a disclosure will avail that unfortunate body, but we have fulfilled a duty which lay heavy on our heart for a long time. The work of reformation is generally beset with impediments, and the lot of those who advocate it is harder still. We have become thorns on the sides of the Eurasians by bringing to light the grossly scandalous system of jobbery, by virtue of which they wrest the bread out of the natives' mouth, and are therefore the target of all their abuse and preproaches. What we have to say this time with respect to La higher grade of appointments will also, we are afraid, be unc. palatable to a large class of the people. Though the unlettered Eurasian youth is not the obstacle in the present instance, in the way of the recognition of merit and ability, yet it is no less a personage than the cadet of aristocratic family, whose pretensions to a higher order of service—we mean the subordinate executive service—we are to-day bent upon criticising. We anderstand that the Local Government has, at the instance of the Board of Revenue, issued orders enjoining that the o gerries Ishquid be recruited as much as possible from scions

of the landed gently of the province! But it is our confirmed opinion that this obder its rather premature. English education anay coducation at all has only very lately begin to be valued in this province, and we do not think we are very far from the truth when we assert that the land-owning class is the last that has attached any importance thereto. Not even two per cent. of the landed proprietors appear to have received a fitting education that may entitle them to the appointments proposed for them, and as an instance of this we cite the Wards' Institute of Benares. For a very long time this Institution has been maintained to afford facilities to the sons of the land-owning class for receiving a respectable education, but, during its long period of existence, it has not been successful in turning out a respectable number of educated men when we consider the number of wards it has sheltered under This miserable result is the outcome of the utter indifference with which intellectual labour is viewed by those for whom the Institute was created. From their early life they entertain the false idea that education is only necessary for those who have to earn their bread by virtue thereof. They know they have sufficient to support themselves with comfort in after-life, and thus they, from the very outset, evince an apathy towards learning. The result is that in nine cases out of ten the scion of a North-Western Provinces zamindar is in ignorant, illiterate, conceited youth, unfit even to carry on the ordinary duties of a respectable citizen. The land-owning class is an important factor in all civilized communities, and great achievements are generally expected from them. The Government of a country, not unoften, feels the necessity of being guided by or of respecting the opinions and views of this body, and we are quite confident that, if the North-Western Provinces had been fortunate in nursing a set of educated people belonging to this class, many of the abuses in its administration and the grievances of its inhabitants would have long before this been things of the past. But, to Cour dire misfortune, such has not been the case. The people

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of the North-Western Provinces owe but very few benefits. to this class. Never in our memory have they raised a single hand or stirred one pace to further the progress of the land they inhabit. But we do not attribute this fact to any inherent defect in their nature. We repeat that it is their want of and apathy towards education that is responsible for this miserable state of things, and we hoped that with the more extended spread of knowledge the North-Western Provinces boorish zamindár of the present day would in some future time raise himself up to the position of a useful member of society and lend his helping hand to the regeneration of his mother country. It was in this belief that we had till now winked at their failings and made up our minds to abstain from all painful criticisms as long as their inertness was not productive of any positive evil. But the action of the local Government has made us break that resolve. The duties that devolve upon members of the subordinate executive service are generally onerous and very responsible, and we now entertain the gravest misgivings as to their due and satisfactory discharge by the so-called 'cadets.' True they will, at first, be retained as probationers and will be required to pass the examination of junior officers after a specified term, during which their abilities may be ascertained, but we see no reason why an invidious distinction should be made by the ruling power in the distribution of its patronage between those who, merely by an inexplicable accident, have been born to wealth and affluence and others who have not been so favoured, We know one instance where a landed proprietor whose only recommendations are that his father is a zamindar and that he also holds some land in his own name and right, and has passed the Entrance Examination and can ride a horse gracefully, has been nominated to a probationary Deputy Collectorship, while, on the other hand, a distinguished student of one of the eldest educational institutions in the land, and a Deputy Inspector of Schools, has not been even accorded permission to present himself, at the examination of junior officers.

motive of such action defies conjecture, unless it be that the Government is firmly inclined to disregard merit and intel-The ostensible reason assigned for lectual qualification. this absurd proceeding is that cadets of aristocratic families should be enticed to take service by the offer of high employments. But, we ask, where is the necessity of throwing such a bait? The answer will in all probability be that they are more deserving of confidence as being less susceptible of corruption. Such an answer will bring into question the integrity of many who are not land-owners. We do not say that the system under which Deputy Collectors have till recently been appointed was a commendable one, but we know it for certain that those who have obtained high employment under the old regime have scarcely ever abused the trust reposed in them. The Government not only casts a slur by its action upon the honesty and trustworthiness of a large section of its subjects, but also impliedly expresses the opinion that the education it is imparting is not calculated to raise the moral character of its recipients. were not the case education would not have been thrown into the background and riches respected and esteemed. other words, it gives us to understand that the unlettered or semi-educated aristocratic youth is more trustworthy and respectable than an educated plebeian, and what could be more strange than to hear such sentiments from the British Government? It may be that in England respectability is measured by wealth, but, fortunately, such is not the case in India. Indian kings have in bygone days descended from their thrones to do reverence to people who would appear to the enligtened British Government nothing better than vagabond mendicants. India has not always been partial to wealth, and no Indian has, till recently, when Western civilization began to change the current of our thoughts and ideas, felt the slightest grief for want of riches. In India respectability has never been the offspring of affluence, nor has any one been distrusted because he was poor and not trained "to

found in conjunction with wealth, whereas all educated persons will probably be strict moralists and incorruptible. Under such circumstances we think that the system under review inaugurated by the Local Government is a most pernicious and injurious one, inasmuch as it ignores merit and overrates wealth. In our younger days we used to hear that a few decades back females of rich Bengal families would not let the tutors of their sons punish them for neglect in study, on the ground that, even if they graw up ignorant fools, they would be able to support themselves as Police Inspectors or district officials. These then struck us as merely stories that had no foundation, but, thanks to the N.-W. P. Government, we have been undeceived.

We next pass on to the subject of examination for appointment in the subordinate executive service. We frankly deny any knowledge of the principles that regulate the grant of permission to compete, for there appear to be no fixed principles at all. Besides employes in the Revenue Department, and those who have their names entered in the Board's approved list of candidates, only those who are permitted by the Secretariat are allowed to undergo the examination; but the question is what qualifications in a man ensure his selection? We know of no specified rules, nor de there appear to be any. We have already given an instance where a qualified man has not been permitted, and we cannot guess why. Surely every educated man is not expected to be in the Revenue Department. As for the Board's approved list and what enables a man to have his name entered in it we are quite in the dark. Most likely nomination by some high officer is the guiding principle, and if this be the fact, we know not in what terms to describe the practice. The system of nomination, we have already said in a former issue, is a vicious and demoralizing one and nothing more discourages qualified persons. The educated man is always self-relying be hates aid from without and will not even if he were

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station dance attendance on officers to obtain a mite of recommendation; and so has little chance of the recognition of his merits by an unappreciative Government. How many are there in the provinces who can secure the favour of a High Court Judge or a Divisional Commissioner, and thus be declared approved candidates? We, therefore, supgest that some definite rules regarding the required qualifications of candidates be issued by the Local Government This will clear off all the mystery that at present attaches to this examination, and we hope that the Government will endease vour to enlist educated men in the service by substituting preliminary examination for nomination. Under existing arrangements only the favoured few can compete, while the claims of a large number of qualified men are passed over.

The Dhampur correspondent of the Nur-i-Badaun, of the 11th January, complains that the paters Delay in the distribution waris (village accountants) in the of pay of patwaris in Bij-Bijnor district have not received their

pay for the last five months.

A correspondent of the Dabdaba-i-Quisari (Bareilly), of the 13th January, quotes the stric- 225 copies. The Saharanpur rape tures made by the Pioneer of the 27th December in condemnation of the custom of the military authorities of granting permission to soldiers for shooting, which leads to unfortunate collisions between them and natives, praises the Pioneer for those strictures, and remarks that it is a matter of surprise and regret that the Government does not put down this crying evil. In commenting on the above article the Dabdaba-i-Qaisari observes that cases of European violence are very frequent. Sometimes a European shoots natives, sometimes a European gets drunk" and harasses the people, sometimes a European dishonours a native woman, and so forth. It appears from the Akhbar-i-Am that lately four Europeans outraged a native woman at Shahjahanpur (sie). The witnesses for the prosecution bore testimony to the guilt of the accesed. The charge was

borrebonned by medical byidence. John Brookes, brother of one of the accused, himself testified to the truth of the Charge What the Judges of the High Court, who fear neither God nor Christ, although they have to appear before Them with their blackened faces on the Judgment-day, acquitted the accused on the ground that women of the lower and poorer classes of the community have no modesty to outrage. cases in which Europeans and natives are concerned European Judges always show indulgence to the former through race feeling. Such gross failures of justice are calculated to bring the British administration of justice into disrepute. The Anglo-Indian officers of the old school were just, courtrous and sympathetic, but those of the new school have nonfear of God and no sense of justice and humanity. Natives regarded Englishmen as a very just people, but the European officers of the new school have shaken this FEOUS, belief.

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The Jamshed (Moradabad), of the 14th January. states that hardly a week passes in A native alleged to have which collisions between Europeans been killed by a Buropean at Allahabad; and the and natives do not occur. As Euro-Saharanpur rape case. pean criminals are almost always the Marsuch Rass acquitted by the High Court, Europeans do not feel the least hesitation in laying violent hands on the children of the egil. 10 Ite would seem that a native lately made water under the wall of a European's house at Allahabad, and was consequently shot by the European then and there. accused pleaded that the deceased made water in the presence

of his wife, and escaped scot-free. The Jam then refers to the

Saharanpur rape case and asks the Viceroy to issue some

orders to prevent the recurrence of such cases in future.

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Jess costly than money-orders. But this is not the case. Suppose a man takes a postal note of Rs. 2-8. He will have to pay one anna as commisson fee and half an anna for postage in forwarding it to the addressee. And the addressee will have to pay a quarter of an anna or half an anna for postage in acknowledging receipt of the note. Thus the total cost incurred will amount to 13 or two annas and will not be less than that of the money-order. Moreover, the sender of the postal note runs the risk of losing his money altogether if the note is lost, torn, &c. Under these circumstances it would be better if the Director-General of Post-offices were to reduce the commission fee for money-orders not exceeding. Rs. 4 in value, from two annas to one anna, instead of introducing these new postal notes.

LOCAL AND MISCLLANEOUS.

The Oudh Akhbár (Lucknow), of the 12th January, pub-Proposal for the bestow- lishes an article communicated by one

al of some title on the proprietor of the Koh-i-Núr. Lahore. Kámtá Prasád, from Gwalior. The writer urges that the Panjáb Govern

ment should bestow a medal or title on Munshi Harsukh Rae, the proprietor of the Koh-i-Núr of Lahore, in recognition of the services which that old paper has rendered to Government and the country during the last thirty-three or thirty four years.

The Prayág Samáchúr (Allahabad), of the 15th January Cir.

The demolition of two platforms at Dáránagar, by an association called the Hitkarni Allahabad. Sabhá at Dáránagar, Allahabad. Theo

Sabhá states that there are two large platforms at Dáránagar. They are situated in the middle of the village at a short distance from each other, each of them being 60 yards long, 8 feet broad, and 18 to 3 feet high. They are made of earth, but the earth is surrounded with a brick wall only one.

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Magistrate of Allahabad, about ten years ago, for the use of the people, but they have really proved a curse. They have so much narrowed the atreet that two curriages cannot go abreast. When two carriages, coming from opposite directions, meet in the street, wee betide the men who happen to be there at the time. Children are often hurt by carriages. On occasious of fairs accidents are very frequent. The platforms should be demolished.

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The Ajidb-i-Panjáb (Lahore) of the 12th January, in its local news column, complains that local news column, complains that there is a Sardar (a native nobleman) at Lahore who practises falconry in a very cruel way. He goes to the parade-ground every day at P. M. with eight or ten servants, and bags full of animals and birds, such as hares, cocks, partridges, crows, mutilates these animals and birds, and lets loose hawks to prey on them. This horrible sight makes the hair of the passers-by stand on each odd to describe sight makes the hair of the passers-by stand on

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A correspondent of the Skula-i-Tür (Cawnpore) of the lilegal extortion practised by the ferry can-people are exposed to great extortion tractors in the Farukh at the Ganges ferries at Mildighat abad district.

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at the hands of contractors and boatmen. Each man has to pay one pice to the contractor and half a pice to the boatman. The exaction of half a pice by the boatman is illegal. The tell for a palanquin is two annas per carrier during the rains and one and a half anna per carrier in other seasons, but the contractors charge the higher rate throughout the year. In column 2 of the printed table of tolls supplied to contractors by Government, the toll for a two-wheeled carriage is stated to be 12 annas, and in column 3 the tell for an oblique and a fallicit stated to be 3 annas. Although an oblique of 5 annas beg fixed for a ball, the southern

tors charge 12 anhas for it. The tansildar of Kanan and the district authorities should see to this. the people, but they have really proved a sense. They lavo

A correspondent of the Panjabl Akhbar (Lahore) of the Circulation,

10th January complains of the tyranny and oppression of well-to-do persons at Pindi Bhatan, a small town in the

Gujranwalla district. They press the

people into their service without paying any wages, beat and abuse them, dishonour their women by force, and so on. The head-quarters of the district are 60 miles from the town, and even the tahsil is 30 miles; and therefore the people are unable to bring their grievances to the notice of officers. is necessary to appoint a paid Magistrate to the town to check the evil. Sukheke and Jalalpur Bhatan may be also placed in his charge with advantage. He may hold his court alternately for one month at each town. The appointment of an Honorary Magistrate will not answer the purpose.

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A correspondent of the Mihr-i-Nimroz (Bijnor), of the Sth3

The neglected condition of the road between Bijnor and Mandawar.

The lower classes

Bhatán, Gujranwalla.

people oppressed by wellto-do persons at Pindi

> January, writing from Mandawar, complains that the road between Bijnor and Mandawar is in a very neg

lected state, and carriages often meet with accidents in consequence.

The candidate caught copying at the late First Arts Examination of the Calcutta University at the Canning College at Luck-

The Oudh Punch (Lucknow), of the 9th January, states that the name of the student of the Canning College of Lncknow, who was caught copying at the late First Arts Examination of the Calcutta Uni versity, is among the names of the

successful candidates lately published in the Gazette of India I (vide page 856 of the Belections from vernacular newspaperso for the week ending the 14th December, 1882) 11 is sucir prising that the boy was admitted to the examination on sabors sequent days by the Pincipal of the Colleges This class bags

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